

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3402-03
Bill No.: Perfected HCS for HB 1347
Subject: Education, Higher; Higher Education Dept.
Type: Original
Date: April 26, 2006

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Higher Education (DHE)** assume this proposal would require DHE to collect reports from the institutions and provide the collected information in the annual report. There may be a fiscal impact by adding these duties. In addition, adding a course requirement or test for graduation could have a negative fiscal impact on students, who have to pay for the courses or tests, and higher education institutions that must provide these courses and tests.

Oversight assumes the additional reporting requirements are minimal and could be absorbed with existing resources. If unexpected additional duties are imposed or if multiple proposals requiring additional duties are enacted, resources could be requested through the budget process.

Officials from **Central Missouri State University**, the **Moberly Area Community College**, and the **Metropolitan Community College** assumed a previous version of the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **University of Missouri (UM)** assumed a previous version of the proposal would not result in any additional costs to the University.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from **Missouri State University** stated in response to a previous version of the proposal that this course is already required in their general education program, and that the proposal would result in a need for more classroom space.

Oversight assumes that students would substitute any one additional required class for other basic educational requirements, and that any additional cost to the institution could be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials from the Office of the **Secretary of State** (SOS) stated that many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The Secretary of State's office is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to Secretary of State's office for Administrative Rules is less than \$1,500. The Secretary of State's office recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, we also recognize that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what our office can sustain with our core budget. Therefore, we reserve the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

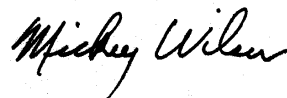
This proposal would require any candidate for an associate of arts degree or bachelor's degree from a Missouri public post-secondary educational institution to have achieved a passing grade in a three-hour course covering the provisions and principles of the Constitution of the United States and of the state of Missouri, or to have passed an examination on that subject matter.

The proposal would apply to all students beginning with first-time freshmen who enroll on or after August 28, 2007, and would authorize the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to promulgate rules to implement the provisions in the proposal.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the Secretary of State
Department of Higher Education
Central Missouri State University
Missouri State University
University of Missouri
Metropolitan Community College
Moberly Area Community College



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